

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An information-processing apparatus configured to delete information stored, in accordance with a request made by a user for canceling a service, comprising:

receiving means for receiving service ID data designating a specific service to be provided, together with user ID data, from an external apparatus;

storage means for storing the user ID data and the service ID data, in association with apparatus ID data which identifies the external apparatus and which has been registered;

deleting means for deleting the apparatus ID data after deleting the service ID data, when the receiving means receives request data requesting for a deletion of the apparatus ID data, ~~together with~~ the request data including the user ID data and the apparatus ID data; and

transmitting means for transmitting, to the external apparatus, deletion-complete information indicating that the deleting means has finished deleting the apparatus ID data.

2. (Original) The information-processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the external apparatus identified by the apparatus ID data stored in the storage means, in association with the service ID data, is requested to provide the service.

3. (Currently Amended) An information-processing system configured to delete information stored, in accordance with a request made by a user for canceling a service, comprising:

an information-processing apparatus having

receiving means for receiving service ID data designating a specific service to be provided, together with user ID data identifying the user and apparatus ID data identifying [[the]] an external apparatus,

storage means for storing the user ID data, the apparatus ID data and the service ID data, in association with one another,

deleting means for deleting the apparatus ID data after deleting the service ID data, when the receiving means receives request data requesting for a deletion of the apparatus ID data, ~~together with~~ the request data including the user ID data and the apparatus ID data, and

transmitting means for transmitting deletion-complete information indicating that the deleting means has finished deleting the apparatus ID data, ;~~and~~ an the external apparatus having

data-transmitting means for transmitting the user ID data, the apparatus ID data and the service ID data to the information-processing apparatus,

ID data storage means for storing the apparatus ID data,

ID data deleting means for deleting the apparatus ID data stored in the ID data storage means,

deletion-request transmitting means for transmitting the data requesting for the deletion, and

completion-information receiving means for receiving the deletion-complete information.

4. (Currently Amended) The information-processing system according to claim 3, wherein:

the information-processing apparatus has authenticating means for performing an authenticating process in accordance with at least the user ID data and the apparatus ID data and for issuing an authentication eession session ID that identifies a eession session with the external apparatus;

the transmitting means transmits the authentication eession session ID to the external apparatus;

the external apparatus transmits the service ID data, together with the authentication eession session ID received from the information-processing apparatus;

the information-processing apparatus verifies the authentication eession session ID received, and issues an authentication ticket corresponding to the service ID data received;

the transmitting means transmits the authentication ticket to the external apparatus;

the data-transmitting means of the external apparatus transmits a service-requesting signal to a server which provides the service, together with the authentication ticket received, the service-requesting signal requesting that the server should provide the service.

5. (Currently Amended) A communication method for use in an information-processing apparatus configured to delete information stored, in accordance with a request made by a user for canceling a service, comprising:

receiving, from an external apparatus, service ID data designating a specific service to be provided, together with user ID data and apparatus ID data identifying the external apparatus;

storing the user ID data, the apparatus ID data and the service ID data, in association with one another;

deleting, with a processor, the apparatus ID data after deleting the service ID data,
when request data requesting for a deletion of the apparatus ID data is received, together with
the request data including the user ID data and the apparatus ID data; and
transmitting, to the external apparatus, deletion-complete information indicating that
the apparatus ID data has been completely deleted.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium including a communication
program for use in an information-processing apparatus configured to delete information
stored, in accordance with a request made by a user for canceling a service, wherein the
communication program, when executed by causing a computer, causes the computer to
perform a method comprising:

receive receiving, from an external apparatus, service ID data designating a specific
service to be provided, together with user ID data and apparatus ID data identifying the
external apparatus;

store storing the user ID data, the apparatus ID data and the service ID data, in
association with one another;

delete deleting the apparatus ID data after deleting the service ID data, when request
data requesting for a deletion of the apparatus ID data is received, together with the request
data including the user ID data and the apparatus ID data; and

transmit transmitting, to the external apparatus, deletion-complete information
indicating that the apparatus ID data has been completely deleted.

7. (New) An information-processing apparatus, comprising:
an interface configured to receive service ID data designating a specific service to be
provided, together with user ID data, from an external apparatus;

a memory configured to store the user ID data and the service ID data, in association with apparatus ID data that identifies the external apparatus and which has been registered;

a processor configured to delete the apparatus ID data after deleting the service ID data, when the interface receives request data requesting for a deletion of the apparatus ID data, the request data including the user ID data and the apparatus ID data, wherein

the interface is configured to transmit, to the external apparatus, deletion-complete information indicating that the processor has finished deleting the apparatus ID data.

8. (New) The information-processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the transmitting means transmits a request corresponding to the service ID data to a different external apparatus after the service ID data is deleted and before the apparatus ID data is deleted.

9. (New) The information-processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the deleting means issues an authentication-session ID based on the user ID data, the authentication-session ID associated with a predetermined term, the transmitting means transmits the authentication-session ID to the external apparatus,

the deleting means compares the authentication-session ID with an authentication-session ID received by the receiving means, and

the deleting means generates authentication-error information when the authentication-session ID received by the receiving means is not received within the predetermined term.